

oblation that is the true (source of good); the sustainer of all, he is of unrestricted movement, the offerer (of burnt-offerings), the cherisher of strength: gliding especially over the sacred grass, the showerer (of benefits); an infant, a youth, exempt from decay, whose place is among plants.

4. These well-combined rays (of the sun) are descending with intent to proceed on the path (of the sacrifice), amplifiers of the ceremony for this (its institutes): operating with these swift-moving, all-regulating rays, he, (iDiTYA), steals the waters (that flow) in low places.

5. Object of honest eulogium, (AGNi), thou shinest amongst the reciters of thy praises when the *S&ma* is received at its effusion by the wooden (cups), and thou, accepting (the beverage), art animated by the heart-affecting (praises): giver of life, increase in the sacrifice thy protecting flames.¹

Vargaixiv. 6. Such as (the deity) is beheld, such is he said (to be): they abide with concentrated splendour in the waters: (may they bestow) upon us honourable an! ample (riches), great energy, numerous male offspring, and undecaying vigour.

7. The sage SDRYA, advancing, accompanied by his bride, (the dawn), proceeds boldly, intent on combat with his enemies: may he on whom riches are

¹ The whole of this verse is singularly obscure: it is literally seizing with the frees the seized in the effused, the produce of the branching, in the embryos of the mind well-moving, (or) well praised, among the speech holders, straight-sung, thou shinest; augment the protectresses, the life in the sacrifice: it

exhibits no little ingenuity in the scholiast to Jiave
reduced this
to any thing like intelligibility.